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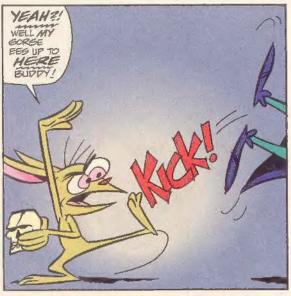




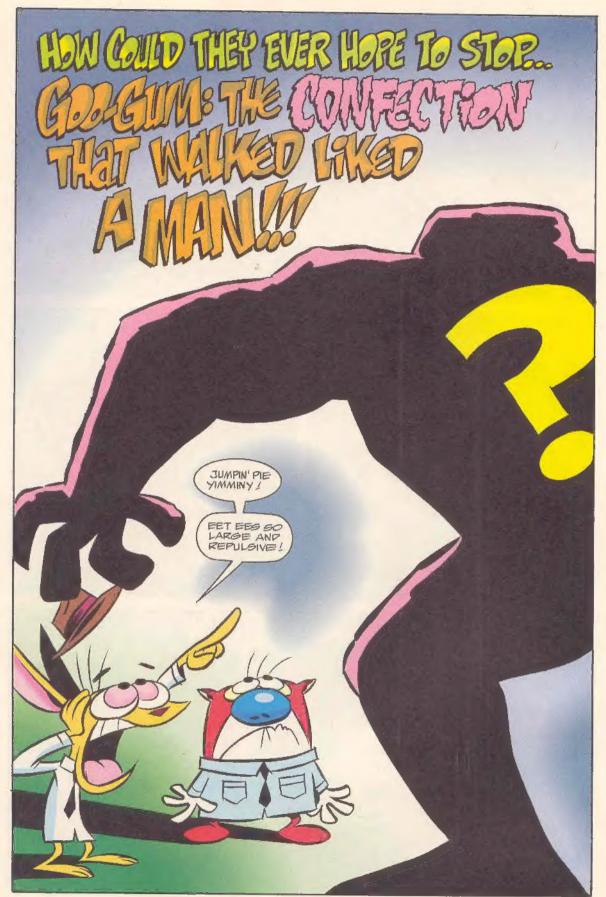














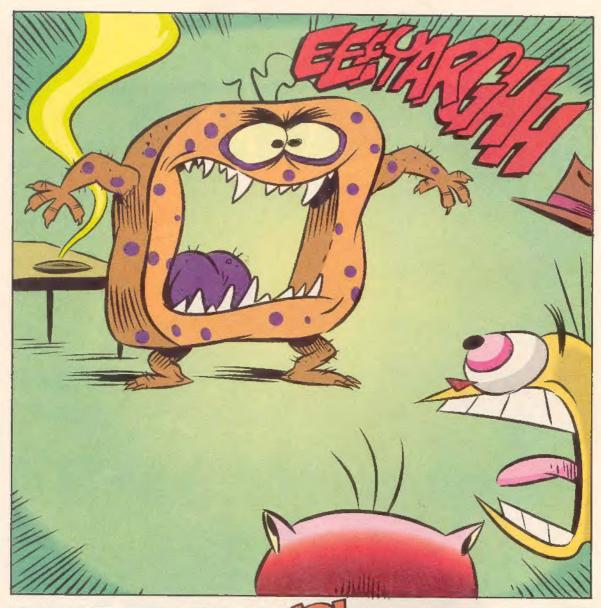




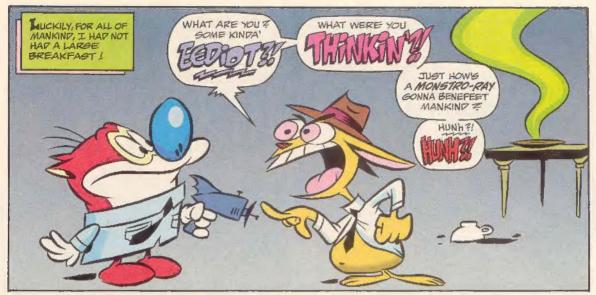














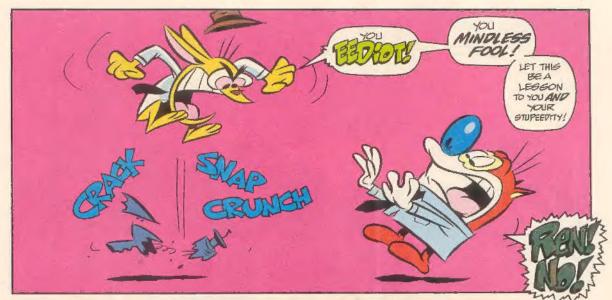










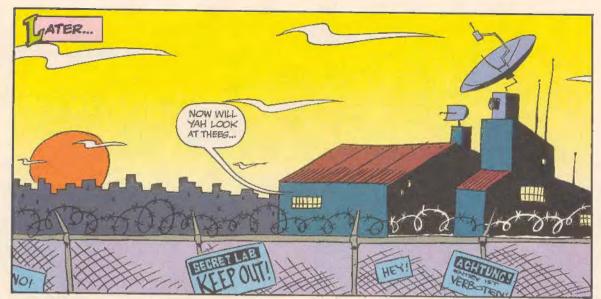














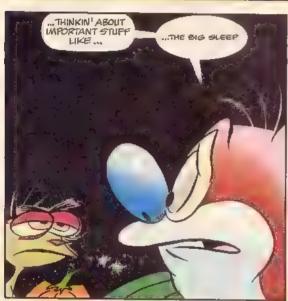




















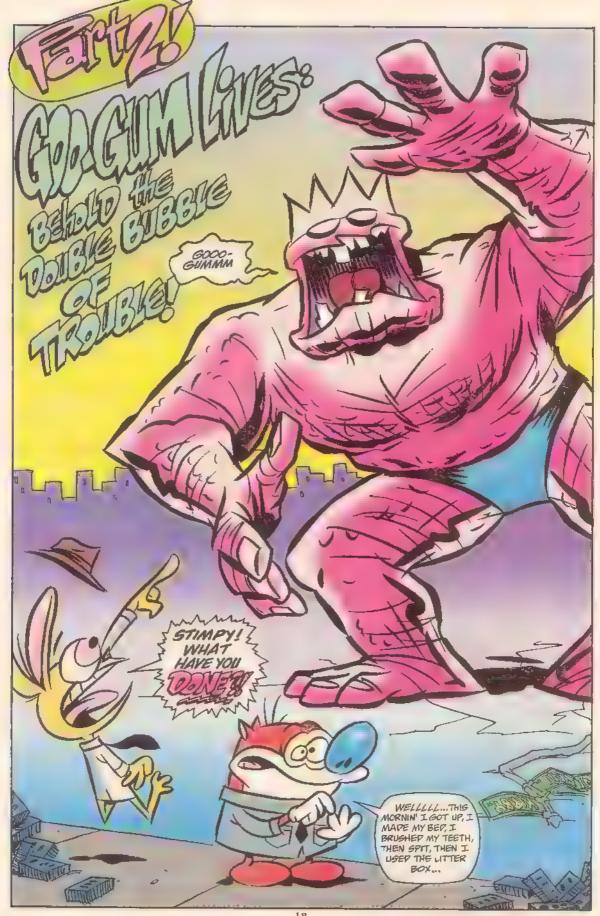
















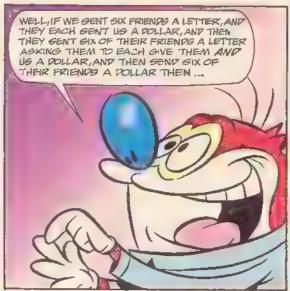


















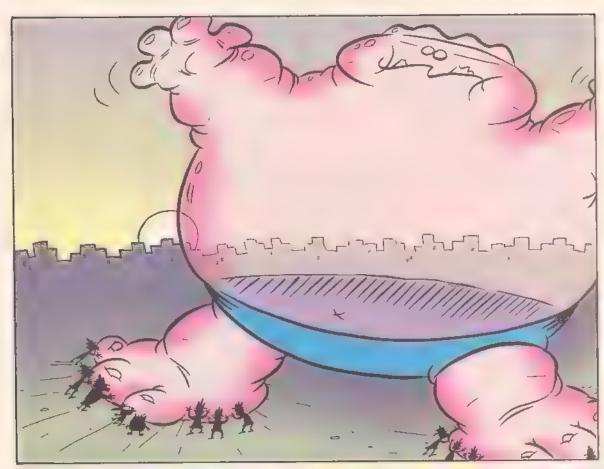






























### STAN'S SOAPBOX

Hi. Heroes!

What is a comic strip artist? To me. anyone who draws comics is an illustrator, a story teller, a director, cinematographer and set designer all wrapped in one There are few areas of art or entertainment that require more dedication, skill and sheer raw talent

But anyone who reads comics knows all that; so why am I mentioning it now? It's because of a conversation, had recently at an exhibition of paintings in an art callery. When one of the so-called art petrons learned I was associated with comicbooks, his tone turned patronizing as he said that those who draw comics couldn't really be compared to the fine artists whose works hang in galleries. He said they're not in the same class.

That bugged mel "You're bunkin" right they're not in the same class," I shot back. "Your so-called 'fine artists' do what they please, when they please, answering to no one and with no deadines hanging over their heads. Their work, if and when it's finally seen by anyone, might bring preasure to a select few The comicbook artist, on the other hand, must work under pressure, must meet the approval of his editor, publisher and countiess readers, and most importanthis or her published work brings continung pleasure and enjoyment to millions! The comicbook artist must compose scene after scene, depict a story clearly and dramatically, create a never-ending series of characters, poses, locales and perspectives, and do all that and more in the length of time it usually takes a 'fine' artist to set up an easel and mix some paints!"

'What's more," I added, "many comicbook artists have been exhibited in galleries, and many of them could be if they wished. Virtually all of our incredibly talented disstrators have the ability to work on canvas and produce paintings that would qualify as fine art, but how many 'fine artists' could do a comicstrip If they had to?"

"I never thought of it that way," he said, as he turned and left

I had a hunch he was on his way to buy a comicbook.

Excelsion Stan Lee

ow that Fal has fallen, some editorial chariges have befallen mighty Marvel, as well ust as the leaf falls from the tree, so, too, do staffers sometimes break away from the Marvel tree

Dropping from his position as Epic editor is the monkey king of Marvel. David Wohl, who is like a fallen Charlie's Angel. Join us in wishing well to the Wohl flower as he branches out in new

DER MAN artist Sal Buscema, who recent v donated the original art for an entire ssue of SPEC SPIDEY (#190) to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. The issue is now part of the exhibit on American culture, though Sal isn't sure sure when it will distrilayed - as he notes, "the American culture exhibit is forever evolving. There are a gazillion things on exhibit there." 'Our Pal' Sa said he was "very flattered" and found it

"oute an honor" to have his work on display in the same museum that houses Archie Bunker's chair and Fonzie's

racket

Sal's work was inducted into the museum in an informal ceremony which included a mini-tour of the basement of the Smithsonian, where they keep all the artifacts that are not currently on display Sal said that having an issue of SPIDER-MAN craw the walls of the Smithsonian proves that "comic books are a very definite part of American culture, like jazz music."

Rap music is also a vitar part of American culture, and we had tying proof of that a few months back as ranger KRS-One - whose records never fall off the charts visited the hallowed hals of Marvel, KRS-One, a major comics fan, stopped by to

check out the first issue of his new comic series for Marvel BREAK THE CHAIN BREAK THE CHAIN Is written and drawn by Kyle Baker, and it is the very first in our new line of Marvei rock and roil comics. BREAK THE CHAIN is e 48 page quarterly series, and each ssue comes with a cassette tape of the story with music, so you can rap along as you read Editor Mort Todd, who is nobody's fall guy - with the possible exception of Lee Majors -- said BREAK THE CHAIN is about "empowerment and individuality ... and life in the city?

KRS-One appears in the comic as a rapper named Wyze, who teaches kids about the evils of drugs and violence, and preaches peace by being a rapper, not a jangsta. You can start BREAKING THE HAIN In January

Till next time, everybody make like Humpty Dümpty and have a great Fall



directions. Taking Dave's place as chief Hellraiser at Marvei is Danny Fingeroth's former assistant editor. Mike Lackey. who has fallen, and he can get up just chooses not to

Swinging in as Danny's new assistant editor is Mark Bernardo, who thinks editng comics is as easy as falling off a blow cle. Mark just completed a one-year stint as Tom DeFalco's editorial assistant, and now that position goes to former intern Matt Idleson, who can t help falling in love with you

Mark said he is thrilled to be working on the Spidey books, even though he hasn't yet been told the secret formula for Spidey's webbing! As he notes, "That's a trade secreti". When asked what his new position means to him, Mark responded Three words, more free (unches)

One artist who has never fallen from our good graces is SPECTAGULAR SPI

## HYPELINE: ON SALE THIS WELK

AVENGERS WEST COAST #101: X-Men and Magneto g HIKER MICE FROM MARS #2 The X-Terminator ha'll be bac

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☐ CAPTAIN AMERICA #422: Cap goes ☐ DAREDEVIL #323: Venom wants a

DARKHAWK #34: DH is fishin for GHOST RIDER AND THE MIDNIGHT SONS MAGAZINE #1, 48-blood

MARVEL MASTERWORKS #25: THE

- FANTASTIC FOUR: Truly the world's MONSTER MENACE #1 GE 41 . so
- ☐ NAMOR #45: Namor vs. Afturne vs. Surdice

☐ NIGHTSTALKERS #14: It's a bad time or Bad Timing! NOMAD #20: With Cable's Six-Pack!

- ORIGINAL CHOST RIDER #18: IT'S e vs. the Hulk D. PUNISHER ARMORY #8: Go. Eliot
- REN & STIMPY #13: Halloween havoc SHE-HULK #56: +le's unstoppable!
  He's Tommy the interni SPIDER MAN 2099 #14: A 199W
- 2099-erific villains

  SPIDER-MAN CLASSICS #9: That Living Brain Minks his knows

THOR CORPS #4 OF 4: Demonstaff! THUNDERSTRIKE IN: Face the anger

☐ UNCANNY X-MEN #307: AVENGERS WARLOCK CHRONICLES 664 Thoris

☐ WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #107; Sandbiasted by Sandstorm, Quickwand, and Sandman

■ WOLVERINE IN GLOBAL JEOPARDY

### **EPIC TITLES!**

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HARROWERS #1: The ast templation of

PINHEAD #1: Acrowdiend SACHS & VIOLENS #2

OF 4: Watch out, Clindy Crawford — the Model SAINT SINNER #3:

Superheroic states from Clive Barker!

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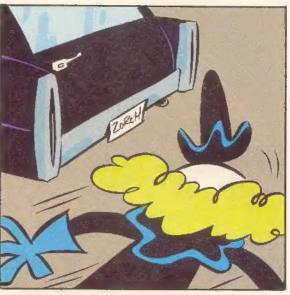








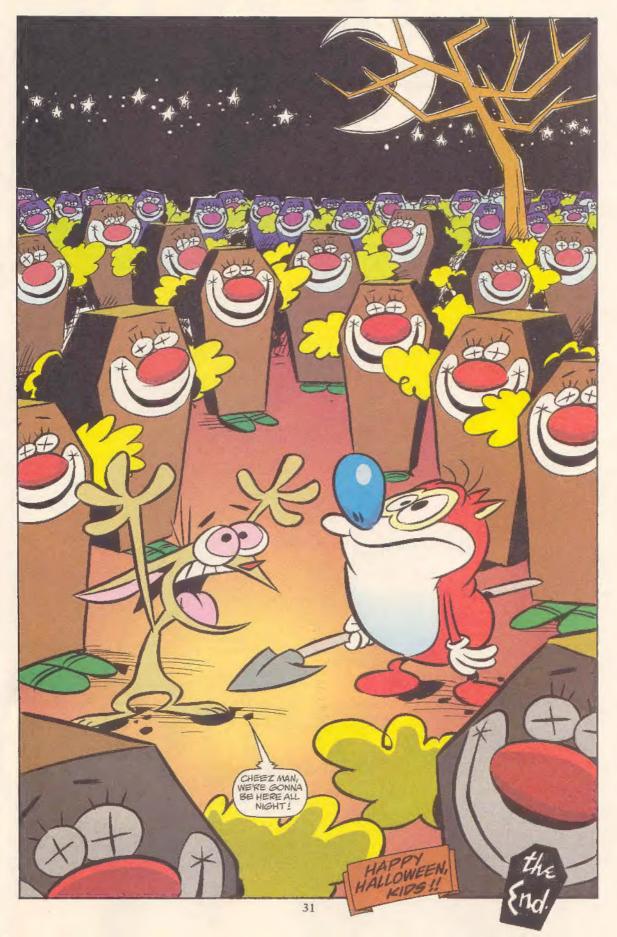












# OUR FIRST GUESTION COMES FROM PAUL AGER OF EAST HANEN, CT., WHO ASKS DEAR DR. STUPIO, WHY ARE THERE HOLES IN SWISS CHEESE?

Hey there, kids! Dr. Stupid here with my pai, MUDDY MUDSKIPPER. He's gonna help me answer some of your questions today! Isn't that great! OH JOY!

"Ah shut it, yah lousy bum!"

Dear Dr. Stupid, Are we there yet?

Kyle A. Carrozza 86 Vosenkill Rd. Catskill, NY 12414

"No! Now sit still and stop poking your brother! I mean it. If you don't. . . I'm gonna turn this comic around! I swear!"

Dear Dr. Stupid,

"Where is the 'place' where the sun doesn't shine?"

John Hansen 172 Hamilton Ave. No. Quincy, MA 02171

"Somewhere on 1515 Broadway."

Dear Dr. Stupid,

Why did G.I. Joes start out at 12 inches, shrink down to 4 inches and now are 12 inches again?

> Roddy Garcia P.O. Box 572411 Houston, TX 77237-2411

"G.I. Joan."

Dear Dr. Stupid, What gives?

> Chris Bergman 1875 Lee Highway #35 Bristol, VA 24201

"G.I. Joan."

Dear Dr. Stupid,

I like to bowl, but I have a problem with the 7-10 split. How do I pick it up?

Jen lannantyoni 597 Burns St. Carol Stream, IL.

"You want to pick 'em up? Tell 'em you're G.I. Joan's sister. Budda boom, budda bing."

Dear Dr. Stupid, Why can't I cough up hairballs?

> Sean Riley Simi Valley, CA.

no hair. . . Or maybe 'cause you got no...."

Uh. . . Thanks for helpin' out Mr. Mudakipper. sir.

"What? That's it? I don't get to do anymore? I wuz robbed! Ya hear me? Robbed! Yah lousy bums!"

Dear Dr. Stupid.

If I eat a watermelon seed will I grow a watermelon in my stomache?

Katie Morris San Jose, CA

Yes.

Dear Dr. Stupid,

The Easter Bunny hides eggs at our house. Does the Shaven Yak have anything to hide?

Phillip Siefker 115 Windover Lane Starkville, MS. 39759

Well there was that messy divorce back in '84...

Dear Dr. Stupid,

Why does a bull frog's neck inflate so much?

Will Carter Pittsburgh, PA

I dunno, Will. Maybe they caught something, and have a throat in their frog.

Dear Dr. Stupid,

What would happen if you were in a car going the speed of light and you turned on the headlights?

> Kimberty Ramsdell Sandusky, OH 44870

Well for starters, Kim, you'd be able to see the path of destruction you've caused by driving with your lights off!

To Ren & Stimpy,

Hove you guys very, very

Brian Cavanna Cobleskili, NY Sorry we had to cut your letter short Brian, but we think that all the kids at home got the message. We like you a lot too.

Dear Dr. Stupid,

I am just disgusted that THE REN & STIMPY SHOW doesn't have their own annual. Please, oh please, in 1994 have a REN & STIMPY SHOW ANNUAL. It would also have their own UNLIMITED series, like THE FANTASTIC FOUR, THE MIDNIGHT SONS, X-MEN, and 2099! And on the 25th issue, please have a hologram of Stimpy showing his m\*gic n\*se g\*blins!

Chris Johnson 825 Cavanaugh Lansing, MI. 48910-5606

You're in luck, Christ REN & STIMPY quarteriles are on the way! We start off in early 94 with a forty-eight page. POW-DERED TOASTMAN SPECIAL by Dan and Ty Templeton! And there'll be more to come!! HAPPY HAPPY! JOY JOY!

Dear Dr. Stupid.

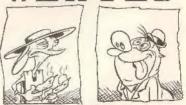
Why am I always the last person to get something?

Matt Volz 10312 181st Ave. Redmond, WA.

That's an easy one, Matt. It's because ... Woops! All out of space! Sorry. Maybe next time....

And what about NEXT TIME? Well in thirty days, get ready to see: The Good, The Bad, and The Stimpy! Plus: Mars Needs Velcro! And Dan Slott and Mike Kazaleh Need a Vacation! Yowza!

# WANTED



BRAIN DEAD OR ALIVE

"Well, Sean, maybe it's 'cause you got